

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY GROUP

August 6, 1998
MAG Office
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Debbie Kohn, Avondale, Chairperson	*Jim Hull, Mesa
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	*Sandy Teetsel, Peoria
Bill Mitchell, Chandler	Max Brawley, Phoenix
Peter Putterman, Fountain Hills	Jamie Oman-Saltmarsh, Scottsdale
*Glenn Keough, Gilbert	John Laue, Tempe
Christopher Ware, Glendale	*Ralph Velez, Tolleson
*Henry Padilla, Goodyear	Sabra Mousavi, ADOT
*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park	*Eddie Caine, RPTA
Cary Parker for Danica Bunjevic, Maricopa County	

*Members not present

OTHERS PRESENT

Heidi Gannuscio, Glendale	Audrey Skidmore, MAG
Ellen Damron, ADOT	Heidi Pahl, MAG
David H. Deans, US West	Rita Walton, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Chairperson, Debbie Kohn.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 1998

It was moved by Jamie Oman-Saltmarsh, seconded by Chris Ware and unanimously recommended to approve the May 21, 1998 meeting minutes.

3. Announcements

Peter Putterman stated that the Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) was sponsoring a Y2K forum for municipal governments.

Sabra Mousavi announced that ADOT has a request for proposals (RFP) on the street communication infrastructure. It is a private public partnership and there are 18 different companies involved.

Ellen Damron mentioned that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is holding a 2 day conference, September 28-29, 1998, on Arizona Dreams of Tomorrow. The cost is \$80.00 to attend and it is ADOT's third annual conference.

Jamie Oman-Saltmarsh announced that Mark Goldstein is speaking at ADOT's third annual conference. Mr. Goldstein's session is titled, "Roadmap to Research Resources: Transportation Information On and Off the Net."

Debbie Kohn announced that the City of Avondale hired International Research Center (IRC) to develop a telecommunications strategic plan.

4. Reports from the Right-of-Way Breakout Group

Heidi Pahl stated that 27 of 29 survey responses have been collected for the MAGTAG Wireless Telecommunications Survey. Ms. Pahl stated that the survey tabulations were compiled and analyzed and are being stored in the MAG Library for use by any interested parties. It is hoped that the survey results will be a resource for member agencies when they need information on wireless telecommunications sites on local, county or state land.

Chris Ware stated that procedures for wireless telecommunications varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Mr. Ware urged the Committee that further consideration and coordination of wireless telecommunications issues are needed.

5. Potential Update of Strategic Plan for MAGTAG

Debbie Kohn announced that the facilitator, Karen Sampson, could not attend therefore the strategic planning session would be postponed to next meeting. The Chair stated that the facilitation process should take three hours.

6. MAG Teleconferencing and Telecommuting Project

Rita Walton announced that the Regional Council gave approval for reprioritizing the telecommunications project in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Walton stated that \$1.3 million for the MAG/RPTA Teleconferencing/Telecommuting Program is being moved from 2001 to 1998. In anticipation of the funds being obligated, Rita Walton is going to start writing an RFP. Ms. Walton asked if any Committee member was interested in participating with her in reviewing this RFP to please let her know.

13. Date of Next Meetings

It was stated that the next meeting, on September 17, 1998, would be the strategic planning meeting. The final 1998 MAGTAG meeting will be held on November 19, 1998.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.